



Thomas Middleton

Director of Laboratory Protection

Thomas Middleton, director of Laboratory Protection at Idaho National Laboratory, oversees the programs that secure critical national research facilities, and the development and deployment of applied nuclear science research assets. With 550 employees and a \$110 million annual budget, the Laboratory Protection Directorate is responsible for programs that protect, control and account for INL security and emergency-related interests. Laboratory Protection departments are Security Systems, Protective Force, Emergency Services including the Fire Department, and Security Programs and Services. He has responsibility for aligning the directorate with INL's strategic plan, and demonstrating solid performance in meeting DOE criteria for the protection of security interests and emergency response.

With has an extensive track record of developing successful organizations through the establishment of goals, management expectations and employee accountability, Middleton is customer-service oriented and has demonstrated ability to implement processes compatible with laboratory operations. Responsibilities include the development and application of systems that provide protection for INL facilities and associated security and emergency interests: special nuclear material, spent nuclear fuel, radioactive waste, classified and unclassified matter, controlled unclassified information, government property and personnel, firefighting capabilities, and emergency event preparedness and response.

Since June 1991, Middleton has held positions of increasing responsibility: physical security officer, physical security manager, safeguards and personnel security manager, protective force manager, Security and Emergency Services Division director, Facilities and Site Services deputy director and currently Laboratory Protection director.

A graduate of Virginia Tech, Middleton has a Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and science and is a martial artist with a third-degree black belt in Taekwondo. Prior to working at INL, he served six years as a special agent with the U.S. State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security. Before moving to Idaho, he was the assistant regional security officer for the American Embassy in Guatemala.